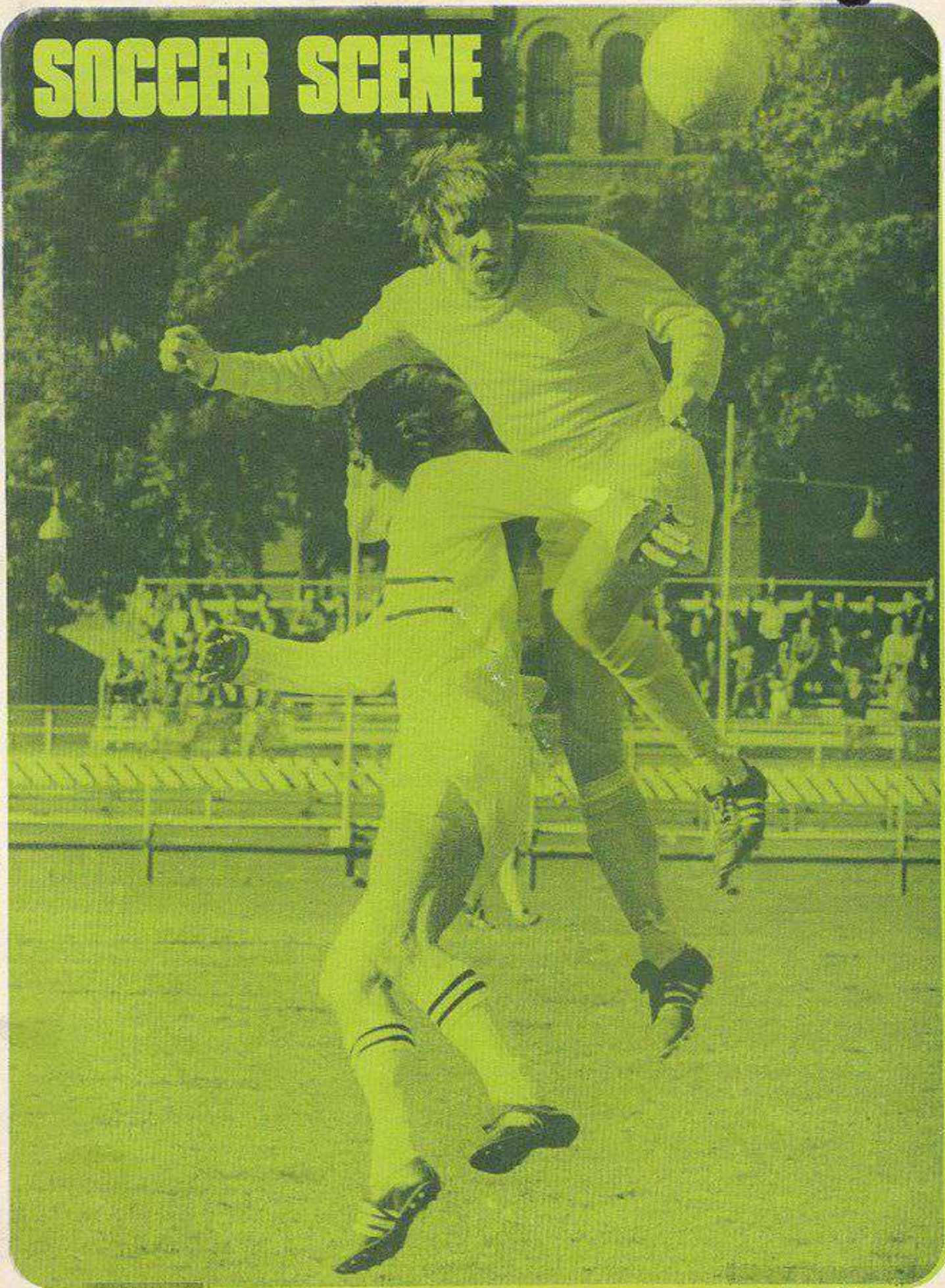


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Seven-Nation Tournament For Perth

by Peter Argo

Plans have almost been finalised to stage Australia's biggest international soccer tournament since the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games.

A seven-nation tournament is planned for Perth in May next year.

Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Burma, Hong Kong and Taiwan will be invited and they will compete with the hosts, Western Australia.

The tournament is planned to coincide with a big international trades fair, at which at least 16 nations — many of them from Asia — will have exhibits.

An international conference of South-East Asian Chambers of Commerce will also be held at the same time.

The Asian Football Confederation has promised to hold its annual executive meeting in Perth at the same time at their expense, if the soccer tournament goes ahead, as seems certain at this stage.

Western Australia will not be breaking new ground by competing in a tournament against these Asian nations. The State has played against all of them in the Merdeka and Indonesian Anniversary tournaments since 1967.

FIFA and the Australian Soccer Federation would have no objections to the tournament. In fact, both will encourage it because it will foster better relations between Australian and Asian soccer. It will help open the door to Australia's entry into the Asian Confederation.

The tournament will be a big drawcard for West Australian fans because few have seen clashes between international sides. It will also draw hundreds of Asians studying in Perth.

One of the main problems to be settled is the financial aspect — the downfall for many similar schemes.

However, several sponsors have indicated an interest and the State Government is almost certainly to contribute because the tournament will focus world attention on Western Australia.

A seven-nation tournament is estimated to require an outlay of \$35,886. As an alternative, a four-nation tournament costing \$21,365 is being considered if the other is found too expensive.

Negotiations are continuing, but it is understood that the W.A. Soccer Federation would organise the tournament. The costs would be met and the takings kept by the organisers of the trades fair because the tournament would be staged on the arena of the Claremont Showgrounds at the same time as the exhibition is in progress. In other words, patrons to the exhibition could watch the soccer and fans could see the exhibition at the same time.

The WASF estimates that its cost of organising and running the tournament would be more than \$7,000. To offset this, the WASF has asked to stage the Grand Final at the magnificent Perry Lakes Stadium, with the federation keeping the gate money.

FIFA has suggested that a coaching school could be held in Perth at the same time at their own expense. This would bring people from Asia, New Zealand and other parts of Australia.

It is a grand plan and, if it comes off, will be a credit to the organisers in Western Australia.



There was no shortage of colour at the Sydney grand final. Here a group of Western Suburbs marching girls cheer on their Magpie heroes in the game against St. George.

Trouble At Juventus

by Andrew James

After one of their worst-ever seasons, Juventus only just qualified for the Ampol Cup when they unexpectedly defeated Melbourne in the last round of the State League season.

Coming after their triumphant 1970 season that saw them take out the State League title, the State League Cup and the Dockerty Cup, it brought the inevitable traumatic coach and committee changes.

Nino Bosari was re-elected president and was joined by two vice-presidents, Mario Muzzorlini and Mario Longo. Tony Boggi faded out as coach, but all to no avail.

Now comes the news that Alistair Sandison and top-scorer Bryan Thomson are returning to Britain for good. Also bound for the northern hemisphere are Jimmy Smart, the recent signing from George Cross, and Sandy Irvine, the former Australian International star who toured with the Australian side last year. It is understood that this last pair will be back in Melbourne in good time for the Ampol Cup, which starts in early January, — but stranger things have happened!

The latest rumour — as yet unconfirmed — is that the annual meeting will see a move to establish Tony Longo as president, with sweeping powers to elect his own committee and make as many signings as he sees fit and as are needed to bring back the recently-faded glory for the Zebras.

Unfortunately, after many years, Juventus have no juniors that stand an earthly of getting a place in the squad and they must look overseas once more.

This is a massive indictment of a proud club, who have done so much to bring honour and glory to the Italian community in Melbourne.

Of course, they are not alone in almost totally ignoring junior development. Most other clubs are the same. After 20 long years, the number of genuine local products in the State League wouldn't make up one team.

the cover

This is the sort of aggression that won the championship for Hakoah. Skipper Allan Marnoch is too strong for Wests Brian Turner in a heading duel. Hakoah won the match 4-3.

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Inter-Milan Is Coming!

Hard on the now confirmed news that Manchester United will tour Australia next winter, comes the heady news that two other famous sides will make the trip.

These are Glasgow Celtic and Inter Milan.

At the time of going to press, it seems almost certain that Celtic will visit and, if they do, you can be sure of one thing — the Jocks will turn up in force, bagpipes wailing and kilts flying in the breeze!

Celtic — the very word is like manna from heaven for all those north of the border.

Celtic first caught the international eye back in 1966-7 when they became the first British side to win the European Cup.

Shrewdly and forcefully managed by their now-famous coach and former centre-half, Jock Stein, Celtic's football was fast, furious and attacking. Tommy Gemmell overlapped powerfully at left-back, even scoring a magnificent, all-important first goal in the final against Internazionale at Lisbon. Midfield general Bertie Auld, who later joined Hibs on a free transfer, was superb and Jimmy Johnstone, outstanding. When veteran striker Steve Chalmers scored the winner five minutes from time the roar could be heard right back in Celtic Park!

At the end of last season, Jock Stein gathered most of the remaining members of the legendary Lisbon team together again to play a meaningless end of season fixture against lowly Clyde.

The league title was already won. Their 21st Scottish Cup victory lay just days ahead. Nobody expected much of a crowd. But they turned up in force by their thousands. The terraces were packed in the last final tribute to those Lisbon Legends.

Today, a new team is a-building. Jock Stein insists the Lisbon era is gone for good. Now he has a new Celtic, better than the old. Celtic marched on impregnable to their sixth consecutive League title and yet another Cup triumph.

Of course, Jimmy Johnstone remains. So do Craig, McNeill, Lannox and Willie Wallace. They have been joined by Lou Macari, who scored Celtic's first goal in the final against Rangers. David Hay and George Connelly are firmly established now, as are new boys, Harry Hood and Tom Callaghan. Other youngsters, already "blooded" are on the threshold of making the first team.

All of them should be in the party when it tours Australia, because it is clear they will bring their top players.

Inter-Milan the famous Italian side, are also having discussions that should lead to a winter tour. It is rumoured they are asking the A.S.F. for guarantees approaching \$30,000 per game. That's a lot of money — but have no doubt about it, it will be returned ten-fold.

A.S. Roma toured successfully in 1966. The various federations made a good profit.

Inter-Milan are giants by comparison and will pull in bigger crowds than have ever been seen in Australia before.

The Italian new settlers will pack in by the tens of thousands and they will be joined by everybody else who thrills to the sight of a world class team playing a racy brand of football.

After a short spell of obscurity (they won the European Cup in

1964 and 1965), they won the Italian league title for the 11th time last season and are therefore back in the race for this season's premier European competition. Heriberto Herrera was fired as coach last year and replaced by Invernizzi, and they romped home by a wide margin.

Roberto Boninsegna, who scored the only Italian goal in the Mexico World Cup final, netted 24 league goals — magnificent achievement in that home of defensive soccer.

Other stars include: — Giacinto Facchetti, that towering full-back with a lethal goalscoring short; Sandro Mazzola, midfield artist extra-ordinary; Corso, Burgnich, Bertini and the pugnacious goalie Vieri.

Inter-Milan have everything. Everything that is needed to make their tour an incomparable success.

The glamour and popular appeal of tours by such sides as Manchester United, Celtic and Inter-Milan should ensure that the 1972 season will go down in Australian soccer history as a vintage year. And we haven't had many of them yet!

Magical names like these will come to life and pack the terraces from Perth to Brisbane. If we play our cards right and our State sides concentrate on playing attractive open soccer, the converts we win will stay and come back for more.

Let's avoid like the plague games like that mortuarial performance turned on by New South Wales against the English F.A. this year. It will not matter that we loose, but it will matter how we loose.

If the A.S.F. have the imagination necessary, it may not be too hard to arrange one or two games between the tourists themselves. Sure, their itineraries have to be arranged well in advance and it may not be possible. But, if it could be done, the Melbourne Cricket Ground itself would not hold the people who would pour in to see Celtic pitted against Inter, or Inter against Manchester United. Particularly if a sponsor with an eye for the mighty dollar cared to put up a few thousand as prize money.

Now is the time for imagination. Now is the time for action. Now is the time to make the soccer seventies the launching pad for an explosive growth in Australian soccer.

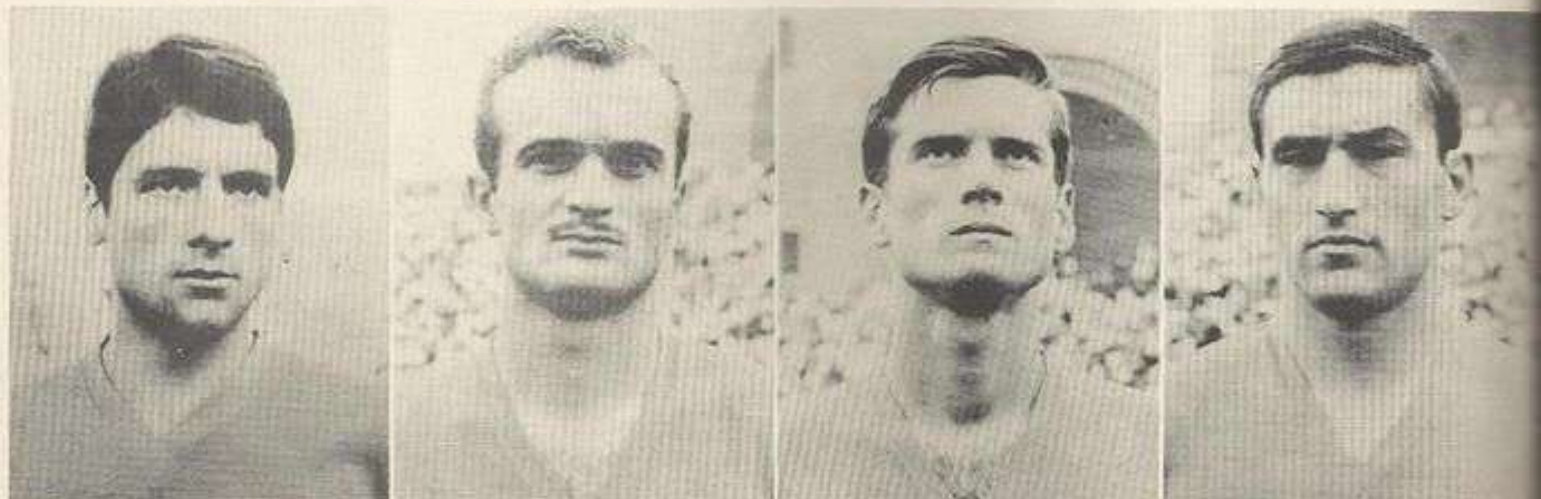
MELBOURNE TO LOOSE WALLACE?

Johnny Wallace, the brilliant Melbourne forward, is not happy with the club and yearns for a chance at the big time either in Sydney or abroad.

Still a little raw, the 20-year-old Wallace often shows brilliant touches, which speak volumes for his potential.

Peter Grummit, the English F.A. goalkeeper, rates Wallace's goal for Victoria against him as the best single shot of the tour. He should know, he only conceded two goals in the tour games played!

Absent for disciplinary reasons for several weeks in the middle of the season, Johnny Wallace needs more dedication and single-mindedness to crack the big-time, but few would doubt that he has what it takes.



Some of the Italian international stars who will be seen in Australia next year are (from left) Mario Bertini, Sandro Mazzola, Giacinto Facchetti and Tarcisio Burgnich.

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It's a good time to Look where we're going.

by Ted Simmons

The clock has struck midnight and the Beautiful Prince known as Australian soccer has turned back into a pumpkin.

This could describe the current state of soccer in this country, which early this year was regaled with details of the Oceania Cup, an Israeli tour and plans for our World Cup progress.

Now, Australia is out of Oceania, the Israeli tour may be cancelled and players are twiddling their thumbs wondering what next.

Last month SOCCER SCENE wrote that a strong body of opinion in Australia favoured the scrapping of Oceania and applying for membership of the Asian Confederation.

A storm of criticism broke in Sydney when it was recently announced that Australia had withdrawn from the Oceania Cup, because the host country, New Caledonia, refused to guarantee air fares for the visiting teams.

Mr Guy Foulkes, president of the New Caledonia FA, announced he was cancelling the tournament because of the Australian ultimatum. "This action is not what we expect from a nation of true sportsmen," he said, "and we shall definitely be making a report to FIFA."

In reply, ASF secretary, Brian Le Fevre pointed out that no budget had been received from the Oceania Confederation or New Caledonia on expenses or possible receipts, despite repeated requests. He said that in 1965, the ASF had been severely criticised for entering into loose financial arrangements over a Cambodian tournament and again in 1969 for the World Cup matches. The executive believed it should conduct the affairs of the ASF in a businesslike manner.

Oceania secretary, Mr Charles Dempsey, said the other countries were looking to Australia for leadership, but he did not think it was the end of Oceania.

To cap this, a bribe scandal has been reported in Israeli soccer which could cancel the Australian visit and result in the shortest season in Australian soccer for many years.

Does the ASF deserve criticism over Oceania? It was formed at the insistence of clubs and various officials with a view to strengthening soccer in this area and providing regular competition for Australia.

At the same time, these officials did not want any great expense involving Australia, after the episodes mentioned earlier, which more or less created a situation in which the ASF could not win.

On the brighter side, we have some definite news on the World Cup.

Players selected for Australia will in future be paid more on international duty from next year. Their new rate is expected to be about \$16.50 compared with the current rate of \$10.00.

Mr Le Fevre also announced a system of incentive payments to provide bonuses for players in the 1974 World Cup qualifying rounds as Australia progresses. He said a substantial bonus would be paid if Australia wins through against the seven other countries in its section of Group 8 and reaches the final 16. Unofficially the players could reach receive \$500 if they win Group 8 and could split \$25,000 if they get to the final 16 in Munich.

FIFA will be approached to ensure an early decision from New Zealand on when it will play its matches against Australia and to

call a meeting of the Asia-Oceania Group 8 countries as soon as possible to set the dates and venues for this tournament.

Mr Le Fevre said that \$60,000 in excess of income will be needed to provide adequate preparation for Australia's bid, but this would be spread over three years and all expenses would be recovered if Australia made the final 16.

On the question of a national coach, the ASF has decided he should be appointed from the beginning of next year with the appointment lasting until the end of Australia's 1974 Cup commitments.

The following is the statement released when Australia withdrew from the Oceania Cup:

The Australian Soccer Federation announces with regret the withdrawal of its national team from the Oceania Cup competition to be played in New Caledonia from October 29 to November 7.

"The decision was made after the Oceania Football Confederation had advised the ASF that it could not guarantee the payment of air fares in addition to the provision of free accommodation and meals for the Australian party of 20.

"Australia stood to lose up to \$8,000 if it took part in the tournament, as against a loss of \$3,500 by New Zealand and considerably smaller amounts by other competing nations.

"The Confederation was requested and failed to supply a detailed estimate of income and expense for the tournament.

"The New Caledonia Football Federation had offered to conduct the tournament and from the gross gate receipts deduct certain expenses which were not defined. From the balance of the receipts the air fares of competing nations were to be paid on a pro rata basis. In the absence of any estimates or budgets, this formula was considered too loose.

"It was impossible for Australia to make any assessment of what it might expect to recover to help defray some of the extensive costs involved in sending the team to Noumea.

"The ASF, therefore, has with considerable regret, advised the Oceania Football Confederation of its withdrawal from the Oceania Cup competition.

"Although at first glance this withdrawal may appear to be rather late, Australia has, in fact, been seeking information on the estimated income and expense of the tournament for many months."

Four Dead Dingoes And

Quote from Eddie Waring, the famous rugby league telecaster.

"You could teach 22 Aborigines to play soccer in half an hour. You just need four dead dingoes for goalposts, a pigs bladder and you've got a game. It might not be 4-2-4, but you've got a game".

He goes on to say: "It would take the same Aborigines half a day just to teach them how to form a scrum".

Maybe that profound statement from an acknowledged expert in that game explains why soccer has conquered the world, while the other game is still confined within the bounds of a few northern counties of England and the odd outpost of the old colonies.

Soccer is in its basic form, a simple, uncomplicated game. Kids can pick it up in minutes, its appeal is electric. All can play — you certainly don't have to be a mammoth refugee from world championship wrestling or a budding ballet star, who outgrew his leading lady. Perhaps in his wisdom Eddie has hit on the one point that is the key to the growth of this game here, as all over the world.

What is the lesson? Keep it simple!





Martin Chivers of Tottenham Hotspur, who is partly hidden behind Larry Lloyd of Liverpool, beats Liverpool goalkeeper Ray Clemence with a shot to score Tottenham's first goal in their match against Liverpool in the first division match at White Hart Lane, London. Tottenham won the match by 2-0 - AAP-AP Photo.

FOOTSCRAY MAKE IT - JUST

by Andrew James

Four minutes into that last vital game against Polonia at Maribrynong, Matt Zivkovic scored that all-important first goal to put Footscray into the lead.

Over at Middle Park, South Melbourne Hellas were in the process of seeing off Croatia in fine style, so maintaining the pressure on Footscray right to the very end. One slip by the leaders and the championship would be theirs. Ernie Ackerley and Dave Gorrie with two fine goals had seen to that.

Footscray needed a victory over Polonia, though a draw would just be enough provided South Melbourne didn't romp home with a Victorian Rules-type score.

The tension boiled-up as the games flowed on. Polonia were playing near to top form, the mighty Blues couldn't make any further impression on them and there was always the possibility that Ches Plaskota or Henry Siwka would break away and equalise. Then anything could happen. It would be on for young and old!

The telephone lines buzzed between the two grounds, but the news for Footscray President Tony Kovac was all bad. Hellas were in command, Croatia had been sunk without trace.

The 1971 championship would depend on Polonia. Could they find the goals they needed to win or could Footscray hold out?

Jimmy Milisajevic tightened up his performance in goal. Marian Lopatic took a firmer grip on mid-field. In the end it was just enough; Footscray had won 1-0. The flag would fly at Schintler Reserve next season. Footscray has taken out the championship for the second time in three years.

Tony Kovac beamed at his boys and said: "I'm proud of all of you". Tony Kovac had been confident right from the beginning that Footscray would establish themselves as the top team in Victoria. "We were a little lucky at times but after two years, we've done it again!"

South Melbourne Hellas, who so very narrowly missed out, are a fast, fluent side who played a powerful, open brand of soccer that drew the fans by their thousands. Only defeated twice, less than Footscray, they conceded a bare 16 goals — the least of any side in the League. Hellas massacred weak opposition and even pulled up Footscray with a great 3-2 away victory in the closing weeks of the season.

With Theo Marmaras in command once again, it is certain that Hellas will be further strengthened during the close season. They will want to make quite sure that when the teams are selected for the National League, Hellas are considered an automatic choice.

Croatia, slumped badly during the final weeks of the season to finish third. This great goalscoring machine could only score four times in the last seven rounds and collected only three points, wrecking any championship hopes it held in the process. Capable

of beating the best sides in Australia on their day, those days were few and far between as the season drew to an end. Could it be that a change of coach had something to do with it? Vic Janzcyck had done a great job.

In finishing fourth, Melbourne were slightly flattered. Only good early-season performances kept them in top company. As the season dragged on, Melbourne began to look a jaded team. Injury had cast its long shadow over some of their best players. Others struggled to find the form that had vanished. Juventus thrashed them in the last game. It came as no surprise for weeks before both Ringwood and Fitzroy had taken advantage of the big weakness — no guns in front of goal!

The resurgent Ringwood came back with a vengeance in the second half of the season and played with a vigour and spirit that brushed aside all opposition. Robbed of a place in the four by their own lack-lustre first half, they can console themselves with the fact that they were top dogs without doubt as the season finished. Clearly the best side in the league in the second half of the season!

HOW THEY FINISHED

	F	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Footscray J.U.S.T.	22	14	5	3	48	17	33
South Melbourne Hellas	22	12	8	2	41	16	32
Croatia	22	11	5	6	33	21	27
Melbourne	22	12	3	7	32	23	27
Ringwood City	22	10	4	8	40	28	24
George Cross	22	8	8	6	31	37	22
Polonia	22	9	4	9	21	26	22
Juventus	22	8	5	9	42	38	21
Hakoah	22	9	2	11	29	30	20
Box Hill	22	5	6	11	16	34	16
Fitzroy United	22	4	5	13	18	41	13
Lions	22	1	3	18	10	50	5

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Jaw set determinedly, St. George-Budapest defender Harry Williams wins this heading duel with Western Suburbs winger Greg Byles in the championship round robin match. St. George won 4-1.

Some Suggestions

by Pertinax

Now that the season is over, let's have a look at the plethora of suggestions to improve the round-ball game and bring in the extra thousands of spectators.

The other football codes are changing the points awarded to bring more attack into the game, so why not soccer.

How about three points for an away win, two points for a home win, and one point for a draw. Or if that is too complicated, three points for a win and one for a draw.

Having sat through dozens of dull, dreary, defensive draws, which bored me to distraction, and possibly lost unknown numbers of spectators to the codes, why should these teams be permitted to gain 50 percent of the maximum points allowed.

Some of the worst games are played by teams prepared to exist 90 minutes for a draw. Admittedly, there are some exciting draws, but this move could bring about a revival of that old-fashioned system of scoring goals and provide an incentive for winning.

Are the goalposts too small? Some followers have suggested they should be widened to give the forwards more chance of scoring. What about smaller posts five feet from the upright and one point awarded for a "near-goal" or "behind" as in Australian Rules?

An experiment was carried out in England early in the current season on a change in the off-side law, restricting such decision to the penalty area. The experiment has not been fully analysed yet, or a report issued, but this could be another means of brightening play, and keeping an attacking movement flowing.

Let's have a reserve goal-keeper available to replace an injured goalkeeper. It's ridiculous that a specialist player can be on the sidelines to substitute for any position except in goals, the only position that really requires a specialist under modern play. How many times has a game been lost in the final minutes when an injured 'keeper has been replaced by a fullback or forward, and let in vital goals after his team almost had the game safe.

Finally, in this world of madly-rising prices, little thought seems to have been given to the fact that the young people of today have to remain at school much longer than in years past. The burden of keeping late-teenage boys and girls falls on parents who previously would have watched their children enter work, and the outlay to watch football at weekends can become too expensive.

Admission charges, programme (as such) and transport costs contribute no small part to the lack of junior support at first grade and other matches.

It would be wise for administrators to seriously consider this situation, because from the kids come the players and the supporters of the future.

ZORAJA WINS TOP AWARD

Dan Zoraja, the brilliant and dangerous Footscray striker has won the new HSV 7 World of Sport \$100 award for the top State League goal-scorer of the season.

In a season that has seen the number of State League goals drop from last year's total of 418 to an all-time low of 361, Dan Zoraja well deserves the honour of being the leagues top scorer.

Dan, 23, has scored an average of 16 goals a season since joining Footscray three season ago.

With his former O.F.K. Belgrade team-mate Branko Buljevic, he forms the most feared combination in the league.

Buljevic is undoubtedly the cleaver of the two, but Zoraja is the one with the nose for the goal. And in soccer goals win games, and the striker who can score them reigns supreme as the most potent force in the game.

An engineering draftsman with a steel company in East Oakleigh, Dan has phenomenal acceleration that speedily takes him clear of the opposing defenders. His shooting is lethal and his ability to be on the spot is uncanny.

Footwork, balance agility and sheer acceleration — these are the factors that make a good striker and made Dan Zoraja the most feared Victorian striker in 1971. His total of 17 goals was collected as follows.

Round 1	v	George Cross	(H)	2
Round 2	v	Box Hill	(H)	1
Round 3	v	Hakoah	(A)	1
Round 4	v	Fitzroy	(H)	2
Round 7	v	Ringwood	(H)	2
Round 9	v	Lions	(H)	2
Round 10	v	Juventus	(A)	4
Round 12	v	George Cross	(A)	1
Round 13	v	Box Hill	(A)	1
Round 17	v	Melbourne	(H)	1

Other leading goalscorers in Victoria this year were Branko Buljevic (Footscray) 14, Jim Armstrong (Hellas) 13, Mike Clarey (Hakoah) 11, Peter Ollerton (Ringwood) 10, Dino Di Marchi and Bryan Thomson (Juventus) 9.

Dan Zoraja was joined by Tom Clark of Hellas as joint highest scorer in a game. Dan scored his four goals at the expense of Juventus in Round 10, while Tom also netted four times against Box Hill in Round 16.

Other players to register hat-tricks this season were Branko Buljevic (Footscray) versus George Cross; Jimmy Armstrong (Hellas) against George Cross. Mike Clarey (Hakoah), last season's league top-scorer, got three against Fitzroy and repeated the feat against Polonia, so becoming the only player to score two hat-tricks.

Leading scorers for all State League clubs were Footscray JUST, Dan Zoraja 17; South Melbourne Hellas, Jimmy Armstrong 13, Croatia, Ibro Hadviadvic 5; Melbourne, Steve Bleskany 6; Ringwood City, Peter Ollerton 11; George Cross, John Gardiner 7; Polonia, Henry Plaskota 6; Hakoah, Mike Clarey 11; Juventus Dino Di Marchi and Bryan Thomson 9; Box Hill, Steve Atkins 6; Fitzroy United, Jimmy Mangopolous 3; Lions, Ian Livingstone 2.

Progress To Unity

by Ted Simmons

The recent ASF Executive meeting in Canberra received reports from the ASF Aniateur Committee on progress towards unifying the various amateur bodies throughout Australia.

An organisation chart on the structure of the New South Wales amateur divisions was presented to the meeting for distribution to other States for examination.

This chart showed the relationship of the soccer bodies in NSW, from the NSW Federation down to the juniors, the number of grounds, teams and total players, voting powers and representations on committees.

Further information will be made available to other States if they intend to adopt a similar system.

Proposals were also submitted on the possibility of taking part in the Indonesian youth championships and inviting an English schoolboys team to tour Australia.

Committee secretary Brian Emery, said a budget would have to be submitted to the ASF on the costs of preparing an Australian team for the youth titles, the time involved, the officials required and the players involved. He believed this team would be a valuable shadow squad for Australia's World Cup squad.

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SMITH PLAYS TORRID GRAND FINAL

by Roger Hunter in Sydney

Greg Smith, a Western Suburbs utility defender, will never forget the 1971 Sydney grand final — or the part he played in it.

Smith, whose first team appearances for Wests this season have been few and far between, was selected to play for Wests against South Sydney in the reserve grand final, immediately preceeding the first grade grand final.

Only a few hours before the match, this fair-headed 21-year-old from Cardiff in Northern NSW was told he would not be playing in second grade — because he was needed for the first team.

Wests left-back John Hargreaves reported sick on the day before the big game. A kidney complaint caused Hargreaves to miss the match he had been looking forward to all year.

In stepped Smith.

The late substitute hardly put a foot wrong. Speedy, enthusiastic and rugged, he gave the St. George Budapest a most torrid time for the entire 90 minutes. Greg Smith, in fact, was probably the most successful player in the Wests team which lost 2-3 to Saints in this magnificent match.

Later, St. George coach Rale Rasic admitted: "The selection of Smith nearly cost us the game. I had planned our tactics on the assumption that Hargreaves, not a fast full-back, would be playing. Smith's pace and tearaway tackling completely upset all our pre-match planning."

The success of Smith, and also, to a lesser extent, young David Jack's intelligent wing play, emphasised that Western Suburbs have no shortage of young talent of first team standard. Jack, who hadn't been given a game for about five weeks, was understandably rusty, but his neat touches and accurate passing had Saints defenders in trouble on several occasions.

Although Wests, the rank outsiders, could have won this grand final, St. George deserved their victory because they accepted almost every chance that came their way. Indeed, Saints missed only one goalscoring opening, when Mike Denton shot wide in the 26th minute when his team led 1-0. Had that Denton effort gone in, Saints might have coasted to a comfortable victory.

There was nothing comfortable about this match, though, for either side. It was fought furiously, though at all times, in remarkably sporting fashion. Either team could have won it.

The first goal was a tragedy for Wests. An in-swinging corner kick by Alan Ainslie was badly punched by goalkeeper Terry Eaton on to Greg Smith's back and diverted into the net.

Bang on half-time, Wests equalised with a spectacular 20-yard rocket drive by defender Dave Johnston. Early in the second half, Ainslie again put Saints in front by floating a long lob over Eaton's head following an indirect free-kick — awarded when Eaton took too many steps. Again Easts hit back with George Kinnell heading in a corner for 2-2. The winning goal was a brilliant shot by Ottie Abonyi from a narrow angle a shot which some critics claim Eaton should have stopped.

Even then, Wests were not finished. Towards the end, John Bijkerk had an open goal, with only goalie Jack Reilly to beat, but he shot wide of the upright. That's how close we were to extra-time.

This grand final, an excellent spectacle involving two fine sides, was one of the most entertaining Sydney has staged for a long time.



Western Suburbs forward Brian Turner skips over Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs centre-half Allan Marnoch at the Sports Ground in Sydney in the soccer championship clash. Western Suburbs outscored Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs 5-1.



Western Suburbs tough defender Matt Guildea sweeps into a copybook sliding tackle on rival St. George-Budapest forward Mike Denton in the exciting championship grand final at the Sydney Sports Ground. St. George won 3-2.

A NEW ERA STARTS

by Glyn Griffiths

The 1971 Sydney championship grand final, which ended in a 3-2 win for St. George over Western Suburbs, could well prove to be a turning point in NSW Soccer.

For many years, the migrant clubs, supported by new settlers, have dominated the Sydney soccer scene.

Apia, Pan Hellenic, Marconi, Yugal, Croatia and the rest made the code almost a closed shop. And there is little doubt that the Europeans brought skills, excitement and enthusiasm — plus spectators — to the local soccer set-up.

However, the long years of ethnic power did produce one disturbing side effect. The local Australians and the British migrants felt they were being pushed into the background.

On September 26 1971, all this was changed. In the first grand final for 13 years involving teams representing districts, the bulk of the paying spectators were either Aussies or Poms. Yugoslavian, Greek and Italian fans stayed away. For this reason, the attendance was a disappointing 13,000 but that figure was far better than many pessimists had expected.

It has been said, more than once, that Sydney soccer would die without the Greeks and the Italians. But it lived, and in fine health for 13,000 people at the 1971 grand final.

Ideally, the code needs new settlers fans AND Australian fans. Unfortunately it appears almost impossible to get a marriage of both.

Recently, support for the migrant teams has been falling, but it is consistently increasing for the district teams. Perhaps, within the next half dozen years, the locals will have wrested control of Sydney soccer from the European pioneers. If this happens the code cannot help but prosper.

Relying entirely on ethnic support, soccer in New South Wales can never hope for more than a maximum 20,000 first division spectators each weekend. But if Australians and Britishers really got stuck into the soccer scene, the spectator potential will be enormous.

It is possible that St. George Budapest might not be classified as a district side. After all, Saints evolved from the Budapest club, formed by a dedicated bunch of soccer — crazy Hungarians.

Showing more wisdom than other migrant clubs, Budapest soon realised they had to appeal to more supporters than the relatively small Hungarian colony. So Budapest went district. They moved into the sports-minded St. George area, became closely identified with the St. George Junior Association and opened a most prosperous social club in the district.

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Round Robin Is Under Fire

by Roger Hunter

For the second year in succession, the NSW round-robin end of season tournament is under fire. At a recent meeting of first division clubs, a majority voted to scrap the round-robin set-up which has been in operation for several years.

There are a few problems associated with this series. But, so too are there problems in any tournament.

I am still not convinced that the round-robin is bad enough to be completely scrapped.

In 1970, we had the unsatisfactory situation of one team, St. George, deliberately playing Ryde into the grand final — by refusing to add more goals to a 4-0 lead, which has been built up in the first half of a round-robin game.

This was gamesmanship at its most blatant, but it was legitimate. The play rebounded on Saints a week later when Ryde shocked the Sydney soccer scene by trouncing Saints in the grand final — also 4-0.

In the round-robin, the top four teams play each other over a three-weeks period. The two teams with most points then meet in the grand final. With goal average also involved, it is possible to create the unhealthy situation where a team can decide its grand final opponents.

This year, there were again many moans about the Sydney round-robin. This time, Hakoah — certainly Sydney's top team this season — failed to qualify for the grand final, even though Hakoah lost only one match all season.

In the circumstances, it is not surprising that the round-robin system is under attack. What are the alternatives?

In rugby league, rugby union and rules, there is a minor semi-final, a major semi-final, a final and a grand final. It is not a bad arrangement, yet it has its faults.

Soccer is being urged to employ this system, but I believe the urging is done by people who resent soccer's lack of conformity. They say: "This sort of tournament is normal in all other codes of football — and soccer, therefore, should fall in line."

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The team now has more Australian than Hungarian followers. It may not be long before the second half of the club's name is dropped entirely — although a few sentimentalists from the old country might resent such a decision.

Before last month's St. George v Western Suburbs match, there had not been an all-district grand final since 1958, when Canterbury and Auburn met in the big game. You can be quite sure there will be many more all-Australian grand finals in Sydney in the next few years — and not at 13-year intervals.

District clubs are getting stronger, financially and from the playing point of view. Sutherland Shire have just been promoted to first division. Granville will start next season's second division competition as hot favourites to follow Sutherland into the top division. And then — maybe Bankstown, Manly and others.

This year Western Suburbs and St. George proved what can be done. That is why their grand final was a significant milestone. Other district teams will follow closely on their heels.

That is the worst possible reason for soccer to scrap its round-robin. Soccer, in NSW, led the way with Sunday play, with floodlights, with substitutions, with full-time coaches and so forth. The code is too big to start taking lessons from any other sport.

The basic weakness with the round-robin is that a great side, like the 1971 Hakoah, can miss out on the big prize after one off day.

The solution here would be for the 22-match championship to pinch some of the glamour from the grand final. In other words, heap the honours on the team which finishes first past the post. It is bad for the championship to be treated merely as a qualifying series for the top four round-robin.

Hakoah were the 1971 champions. They were not minor premiers, because Sydney soccer has not minor premiership. But Hakoah, this year, have not been awarded the recognition, or the prize money, they deserved for their brilliant season.

I should like to see the round-robin retained providing it can be completely divorced from the championship competition. Let the team first past the post pick up big prize money and hand-some trophies. Then, maybe, the round-robin and grand final will be treated as they should be treated — as a subsidiary tournament, after the BIG one has been decided.

President Resigns

by Andrew James

Sir David Hill-Wood has tendered his resignation as president of the Victorian Soccer Federation because of business commitments.

He plans to return to England early in the New Year and goes with some regret.

His contribution to the progress of soccer in Victoria has been considerable, in spite of the short time he has held office. More than anything else, his standing as a leading stock-broker has opened a lot of doors that might otherwise have remained closed.

Sir David has extensive contacts in soccer in England, mainly through his family who have controlled the Arsenal Football Club — the famous Gunners — for many years.

Several names are being canvassed around as possible successors. Theo Marmaras, a former president himself is a sure-fire candidate. Experienced, hard-working and a successful businessman in his own right, he has been a force behind South Melbourne Hellas for many years.

Another name tipped as a likely outsider is Cdr. Micheal Parker R.N., a former close friend and Equerry of Prince Philip. Cdr. Parker, an Australian, has extensive connections and he could help enormously to build a bridge between the migrant community and Australian sport in general that would vitally affect the future well-being of the game.

John Van Hoboken, chairman of Ringwood City and managing director of the famous Adidas company, is rarely mentioned as a possible candidate. He is a strong and forceful character who has the skill and knowledge and the talent for the job.

STATE LEAGUE CUP

The State League Cup, played between the top four sides of the league, will kick off at Olympic Park on October 17 with a great double header.

Rapidly becoming the major attraction of the Victorian scene, this final four series really packs in the crowds.

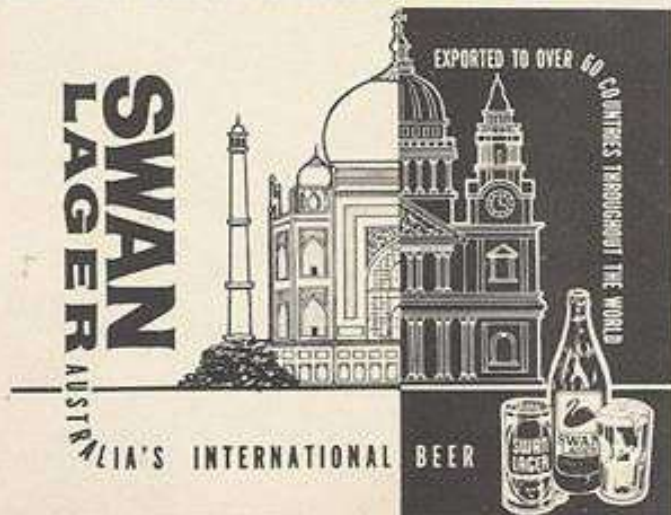
The blistering form shown recently by South Melbourne Hellas must make them good favourites, but the classy Footscray outfit will be hard to beat.

Croatia have a team of real talent, but a series of disappointing performances in recent weeks have raised some big question marks about their prospects. Billy Vojtek and Jimmy MacKay make a formidable combination and they should be able to inject more life into the Red Devils who always perform better in front of the big crowds.

Melbourne, are also capable of the unexpected, but if they win it will be really unexpected — they will have excelled themselves!

The series will be played as a round robin as follows:

Sunday, October 17	1st game	Footscray	v	Croatia
	2nd game	Hellas	v	Melbourne
Sunday October 24	1st game	Croatia	v	Melbourne
	2nd game	Footscray	v	Hellas
Sunday October 31	1st game	Footscray	v	Melbourne
	2nd game	Hellas	v	Croatia
Sunday November 7	1st game	Third place playoff		
	2nd game	CUP FINAL		



League Changes Sought

The W.A. Soccer Federation council threw down a bombshell this week when it proposed another restructure of the leagues for the 1972 season.

After increasing the size of the first division from 10 to 12 clubs last season, it is now proposed to go back to 10.

The second division, which was increased from 10 to 14, is also due to be cut back to 10.

However, the proposal can only be implemented by a two-thirds majority of the clubs. This seems to have little chance of success, because the six clubs who would disappear from the WASF would certainly vote against it, as well as clubs whose promotion or relegation is affected.

The proposed first division is Azzurri, Bayswater United, Cracovia, Tricolore, Olympic, Ascot (formerly SMA-Cottesloe), Windmills, Kiev, Swan United (a combination of Swan Valley and relegated Swan Athletic) and Kwinana United.

The proposed second division would be Croatia North Perth (who last season won promotion to Division One), Cockburn United, Gosnells, Subiaco City (who avoided relegation from Division One and finished above both Swan clubs), Fremantle Dalmatinacs, Perth City (relegated this year), Stirling City, Queens Park, Maccabi and Caledonians.

Those to disappear into Amateur ranks would be University, Macedonia, Floreat Athena, South Perth United and Rockingham United.

Croatia and Subiaco City would appear to have most cause for complaint, as well as teams due to be considered for promotion from the Amateurs.

"NO SALE"

Relegated Canterbury insist they are not selling their best players.

Berries secretary, Jim Ronas, said: "Our players are all on contracts, and we hope they will bring the club quick promotion next year." But will stars like Raeburn, Hardy and Pocock be content with second division soccer?

W.A. STATE COACH

Azzurri trainer for the past three years, John Fisher has been appointed W.A. State coach for the next 12 months, subject to contract negotiations.

Fisher is one of the highest qualified men in W.A. He has played for Stafford Rangers in the Cheshire League and has gained the FA Preliminary Coaching Certificate and Diploma of Physical Education in the U.K. He is also a qualified remedial therapist.

JUHASZ WILL STAY

A Sydney soccer paper, fishing in deep water, recently forecast that top defender Fabian Jubasz would leave Melbourne for greener grass in Sydney. The paper drew a blank!

Fabian Jubasz will not part company with Melbourne. Jubasz is regarded as a vital pivot in Melbourne's big plans for next season. Melbourne intends to build the club into the best side in Victoria. For more details of these plans — watch out shortly.

Big signings are about to take place, signings that should ensure the future of the club who last wrote headlines when they won the Australia Cup back in 1967.

RINGWOOD THE GREATEST

With 626 goals to their credit in the State League, Ringwood City are the greatest goal-scoring machine in Victoria.

When Terry Luchurst scored his first goal of the season against Juventus, he brought up the magic 600th goal for his club. That must be worth a trophy!

Footscray JUST are second in line with 589 goals, but in 22 more games than the Jubilee Park outfit, who missed one season through relegations.

Juventus have this season edged Hakoah out of third spot by one goal. The Zebras have 566 goals to the Light Blues 565. Pity Clarey missed the last few games; he may have made all the difference.

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BOOKS



Perhaps Sir Matt Busby's greatest triumph as a manager — the night when Manchester United won the European Cup in 1968.

"Managers are the interesting people in league football," says author Peter Morris about his new book **THE TEAM MAKERS** (Pelham Books).

In 25 years of writing about the game, he has known and made a personal study of many managers. In this book — the first of its kind on the subject — he has taken 14 of the great managers, from Herbert Chapman to Harry Catterick, and projected the men, their methods and the achievements of the teams they made in relation to their day and age.

The majority are products of the post-war soccer age — Sir Matt Busby, Arthur Rowe, Stanley Cullis, Bill Shankly, Jimmy Hill, Jock Stein among them — when the challenges and rewards have been so much greater. But Herbert Chapman's immense contribution to Arsenal's fortunes and to the game itself receive special attention. And there are character studies also of those other pre-war personalities Frank Buckley and Harry Storer, both quite remarkable characters and deserving of a place in the gallery.

Bob Moncur, skipper of Newcastle United and a Scottish international, is an iron man with a jutting jaw and the bark of a sergeant-major. **UNITED WE STAND** (Pelham Books) is his story about his club and his own life.

As a schoolboy international, Moncur turned down Sir Matt Busby and Manchester United to sign for Newcastle United.

In this fascinating book, Moncur tells why he rejected such a famous club and of how he nearly became a failure — a \$45,000 giveaway that no club would pick up. A switch in his style of play saved him.

The inside story of Newcastle's fabulous European Fairs Cup win in 1969 is revealed by the man who knows the secrets and who, although playing as a sweeper, scored a magnificent hat-trick against the Hungarian Ujpest in the two-legged final.



A moment of personal triumph as Newcastle skipper Bob Moncur wheels around with his arm in the air after scoring the first goal of his hat-trick against Ujpest Dozsa in the 1969 Fairs Cup Final.

VOGTS IS FOOTBALLER-OF-THE-YEAR 1970-71

FROM DIETER SCHMIDT

Berti Vogts, defender of Bundesliga champions Borussia Moenchengladbach, is Germany's footballer-of-the-year.

The competition, which is organised by the magazine KICKER, is run on voting by 593 sporting journalists throughout West Germany.

Vogts got 225 votes and was well ahead of Bayern Muenchen captain Franz Beckenbauer (154) and Vogts's team-mate Guenter Netzer (133). Then there was a big gap to West German and 1FC Koeln captain Wolfgang Overath (28), champion striker Gerd Mueller (Bayern Muenchen, 16) Lothar Koblun (Rot-Weiss Oberhausen, 14), Juergen Grabowski (Eintracht Frankfurt, 6), Manfred Manglitz (formerly 1FC Koeln, 4) who has just been suspended for life during the Bundesliga scandal hearings, and Uwe Seeler (Hamburger SV, 2).

Seeler won the award in 1970, 1964 and 1960, Mueller in 1969 and 1967, and Beckenbauer in 1968 and 1966.

Vogts has set a record that will be hard to equal. He has played more than 200 consecutive Bundesliga and 40 national matches, without an absenteeism.

Vogts started playing with VfR Buettingen, a small club from Buettingen where he lives. As an 18-year-old, he transferred to Moenchengladbach in 1965.

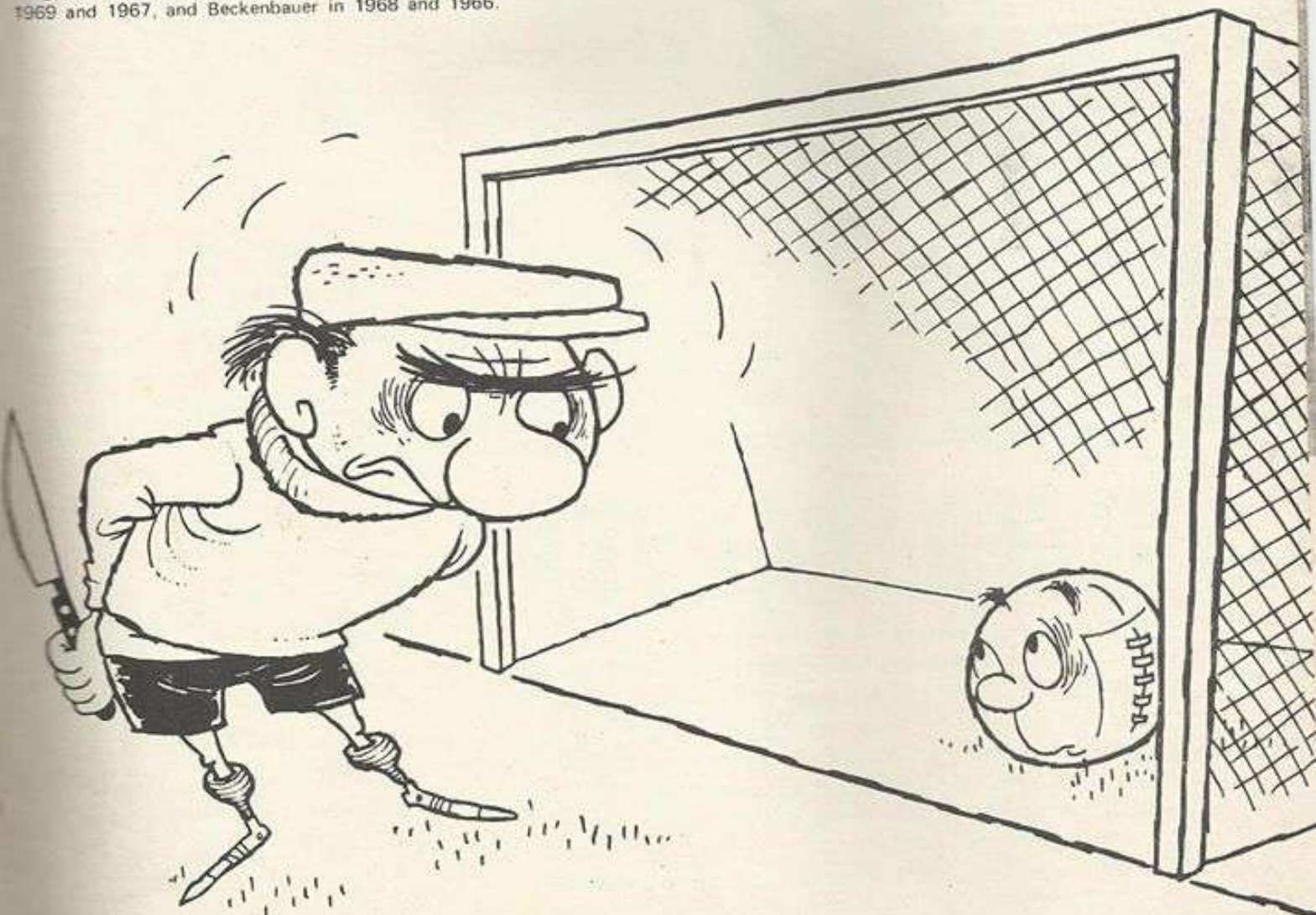
He is just reaching maturity and will be a key defender in West Germany's attempt to win the 1974 World Cup in Munich.

West Germany's recent 5-0 win over the Mexican national team, has given Helmut Schoen's men added confidence for the important European championship match against Poland in Warsaw.

The 1970 World Cup top-scorer Gerd Mueller got three beautiful goals, while Koeppel and Netzer got the others.

In the Bundesliga competition, however, Mueller is being marked so closely that he is way down in the top-scorer list.

A few days later Mexico went to East Germany to play the national team. East Germany had to be satisfied with a 1-1 draw.



This is how OLYMPISCHE JUGEND, the German sports magazine, sees the way of cleaning up Bundesliga football. The cartoon refers to the bribery cases in Western Germany's national football league. Investigations carried out by the German FA's sports jury proved that last season a number of players accepted illegal payments in order to manipulate the results of matches played by their teams.

Disillusionment after trip

by Tom McKain in Adelaide

Usually when players, officials pressmen or supporters arrive in Australia from overseas they are shattered by the Australian soccer set-up.

If they can grin and take it, they "do as the Romans do" and become part of the scene.

Or they find a new interest — like rules or rugby, or they stick to the golf course.

This month, we talked with such a shattered fan, but his disillusionment worked in reverse.

Rudy Templin, former secretary of the SA Amateur League, then president and one of the men who helped form the Australian Amateur Association, has just returned from a trip to Germany after 12 years in Australia.

Before migrating he had no interest in soccer and had seen only one or two matches.

As a university student his "thing" was the stage.

When he launched himself into the amateur soccer business, Rudy became a fanatic — a fanatic for amateurs and Australian soccer in general.

He would not be shaken from his belief that Australia would march into the next Olympics and the next World Cup.

And now? He had been back three weeks when I met him and he hadn't been to a soccer match.

"You were right," he said. "Our players are overpaid, our administration is behind the times and many of our players wouldn't get a kick in a school game".

Perhaps one of the most impressive features in German soccer which turned Rudy against the Australian set-up was to see amateurs training four times a week



It happens to the best of them. John Green, player-coach and goalkeeper of the Victoria club in Adelaide thought he had this one covered — but he didn't! Watching is Nick Pantelis of Hellas.

and paying to play!
"I shuddered when I thought of all those part-timers in Australia picking up fat pay packets for a two-night-a-week stint — three at the outside — and the bonus money heaped on them for special matches and the signing on fee," said Rudy.

Rudy's return was not made any easier by the fact that the SA Amateur Cup final was given an unusual blast of publicity in the daily press the other Friday, and then late in the day had to be called off because suddenly the ground for the event

was not available.

A week later still no suitable venue had been found.

Another overseas traveller got back to Adelaide this month — "Curly" Fantasia, Juventus supporter and proprietor of a city hotel and man behind beer and spirit bars at Hindmarsh Stadium, SA's headquarters and showpiece ground.

We told him of the recent abandoned match between Lion and Juventus when referee John May had to beat a hasty retreat when spectators invaded the field.

But "Curly" was not impressed. "I thought I had seen some trouble here, but you should have seen the set-up in Italy for the match between Catanzaro and Bari," he explained.

The result decided who went up to first division, and Catanzaro were getting their first crack at the big league.

"There was a moat round the playing area, barbed wire fencing, countless police and they were all on the alert with tear-gas," said "Curly".

Edson Annan, Juventus' Ghana International forward, has come of age.

For the first time since his arrival last May, he has been warned by a referee.

You may recall when we featured Edson in the July edition we pointed out he did not like hard tackles, heard feet before they reached him and couldn't understand why defenders kept upending him.

But last month, we saw a different Edson in the Coca-Cola Cup playoff against Hellas.

He took the knocks, ran "through" the tackles and then handed out a few bumps himself until referee Denis Grant waved a finger in his face.

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This unusual shot comes from Adelaide showing Elizabeth City goalkeeper Hugo Grannemann making rather an awkward dive watched by his smiling player-coach Nilo Rusalen.

One of the new breed

Bugsy Nyskohus made a notable breakthrough for the Australian bred player when he won the West End Medal in Adelaide.

At 21 he became the first Australian to win the best and fairest player award since it was introduced in 1965.

Previous winners had been three Scots, a Pole and an Englishman.

And Bugsy, whose parents came from the Ukraine, made a refreshing statement after his medal win.

He was not interested in leaving his club, Lion, to seek more money and glory interstate.

"I learnt my soccer with Lion and have always wanted to play with them, so why should I leave?"



Bugsy Nyskohus . . . one of the new breed.

Bugsy, already a senior State player with 20 games behind him as a right back, is one of the new breed of players who will give just as much to the game because of club loyalty as other players give for cash.

Bugsy is certainly paid for training and playing, but is the type of player who would give his all for nothing if the club was in difficulties.

There are plenty more of the Nyskohus breed coming up in SA — his younger brother John is also a State senior team regular — and the Under-21 State team due to meet NSW this month is packed with them.

Provided the young players don't become money-grabbers and can steer clear of Australia's national beverage, Rudy may yet see his dream come true.

Lufthansa's Chief Pastrycook Peter Schwab, of Frankfurt, presents a special cake to Bob Cunningham, captain of Alemannia Melville, after the final of the F.C. Fairchild Cup, which Melville won by beating Morley 8-0. Looking on (right) is Lufthansa German Airlines W.A. Manager Wolfgang Lernhardt.

Melville finished second to Gosnells in the championship and would be eligible for promotion to the W.A. Soccer Federation. An application has already been made and with the backing of the financially-strong Rhein-Donau Club (a German-speaking social club) it would normally receive strong consideration. However, the WASF wants to reduce the number of teams in the league (see page 13) and the application could be in for a rough trip.



WASF Wins Battle Against Referees Association

by David Andrews

The W.A. Soccer Federation received a big boost in their battle against the Australian Soccer Referees Association (W.A. division) when FIFA badge holder Roy Stedman came across to join the WASF.

Since the WASF issued an ultimatum to the referees to individually affiliate by September 6, there has been much speculation as to who and how many referees would come across.

The number is steadily increasing and 18 had affiliated at the time of writing.

Roy Stedman, WA's outstanding referee for a number of years and who joined Ted Bude on FIFA standing two years ago, officiated in the second round of the D'Orsogna knockout cup between Kwinana United and Gosnells. He was, of course, up to his usually high standard and was rarely sighted throughout the match. He ranks in the top bracket of Australian referees and deserves to

control a full international in which Australia participates.

This year, he was regarded so highly in his approach to matches in the Anniversary Tournament played in Indonesia, that he was given the final of that competition, a job he performed brilliantly. His presence with the WASF will encourage many of his fellows to come across despite the shadowy implication of a life suspension that will be imposed on the so-called rebels by the referees association.

As a side light to the affair, one of the State's leading referees for a number of years, John Allen, has been suspended by his own organisation for having acted in a manner unbecoming of a referee. In one of the first rebel-controlled matches in the D'Orsogna Cup, Allen walked onto the field before play started and allegedly spat at the ground in front of the official in charge of the game and called him a "scab".

The WASF has already said that it will refuse to accept at least seven nominations for affiliation from the more militant referees who opposed the WASF.

I hope that some move can be made to retain their services once the whole fracas has died down.

W.A. Breaks New Ground

Distance in W.A. is staggering — more so than in any other State. Therefore, the problems of servicing such a vast area with soccer is almost impossible.

Teams from Perth want to visit country centres as far north as Port Hedland and south to Albany, but finances make this hard.

Clubs do make such trips each year, specially to the closer centres such as Collie, Bunbury and Busselton.

Last year, the D'Orsogna Cup was attempted with country clubs having a fair shake on a home and away basis. North Perth Croatia travelled the 300-odd miles to play an Albany side and just won in a mud-restricting contest, while Windmills travelled 350-plus miles to play a Kalgoorlie side, the home team putting up a respectable performance. But costs forced clubs to veto further experiments in this direction.

However, participation in this type of tournament will become more vital to these far-flung reaches of the soccer empire. Otherwise their growth will be restricted.

It was enlightening, therefore, that the State team made its first ever venture outside the big smoke, apart from Eastern States and overseas trips, to play a combined Eastern Goldfields side in Kalgoorlie. In the words of team manager Barrie Greenwood "it was a huge success."

At half time, the State side held a 3-1 lead before fitness proved too good for the hosts, and the State added a further five goals.

There was a good crowd at the game, and it obviously would have been greater but for the fact that opposing attractions such as an Australian Rules carnival and a racing carnival were on at the same time in the town.

"Kalgoorlie officials and players could not do enough for us and their reaction has encouraged us to try more of these tours in Kalgoorlie and other places," said Greenwood.

The trip proved that the State side is an attraction in country centres. It also provides the State team with experience of being together, playing together in unknown conditions and a chance to experiment with players that a coach might not otherwise feel inclined to chance in big competition.

Soccerthon Attempt

With WA's season not due to end until the last week in October, and for some not until after the State game against Israel on November 28, it would be safe enough to assume that all players would be glad of a break.

But a good number of them will prolong the season by taking part in a marathon that could last 24 hours as they attempt to break the world record of 18 hours. Players from all divisions have been invited to help in the attempt that will be made next month.

The organiser, State team manager Barrie Greenwood, is waiting for details about the rules.

FIRST AND LAST!

Juventus were the first team to score in the Victorian season when Keith Webster converted a penalty kick in their first round game against Ringwood City on March 26.

They also became the last team to score during the 1971 league season, when Australian international Sandy Irvine scored in the 82nd minute of their game against Melbourne on September 19.

LIONS WRITE NEW RECORD

Clearly marked out for relegation from the first weeks of the season and completely goalless for 873 minutes of play, Lions wrote a new Victorian League record by only scoring ten goals in a season.

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HAMMER & TONGS

Glasgow Celtic and Glasgow Rangers (the old firm) have been at each other hammer and tongs on and off the field. One could be excused for thinking that nothing else in Scottish soccer counts.

Of course, they would be right because each year crowds forsake their own clubs to make the pilgrimage to see the two giants battle out their many annual duels.

At the moment, and for the past few years, Celtic has been on top winning everything up to the European Cup.

As different as chalk and cheese; their training methods vary considerably as well.

Celtic's Jock Stein insists on training with the ball, concentrating on speed and ballwork. This training is obvious, with superb ball players like Jimmy Johnstone and Harry Hood in the side and speed merchants of the calibre of Bobby Lennox and the new flyer Tommy Callaghan cruising round at ever-increasing speeds.

Stein has never believed in heavy physical workouts, but his programme is usually conducted at a furious pace, with players divided into groups according to their weight and size. Each man is given enough to do to suit his individual requirements. "We can do all our conditioning with a ball and I have no reason at this time to change the system," said the Celtic boss.

Rangers by sharp contrast go in for sprinting, weight-lifting and murder runs up sand dunes. Towering 100ft dunes on Scotland's East coast at Gullane is trainer coach Jock Wallace's favourite spot for forcing his charges through the pain barrier.

It is no picnic for Rangers players, who suffer because of a chance discovery by Wallace of the dunes when he was taking his family on a relaxing picnic weekend. Few athletes have been pushed so hard. Wallace says that he is well aware of the players' limits and though some of them get sick, they push past the barriers and then improve. When it's all finished, they are enthusiastic because they have achieved a worthwhile goal.

The fastest man on the dunes is Willie Johnston. He and Sandy Jardine have already won professional sprints and Jardine calculates that he has found eight yards in 100, which he now covers in 10.2. Others to show out a speed are Willie Henderson, Ronnie MacKinnon and the long-striding 6ft. 4in Peter McCloy.

Rangers do not forsake any of the arts of soccer. At Ibrox they go through their paces as rigorously as Celtic. But somewhere along the line Rangers must find drastic improvement to close the gap that Celtic has opened, at least on the score board.

The rivalry between Celtic and Rangers could well be killing competition in Scotland. This is the opinion of almost every club management including Celtic and Rangers officials. The latter, however, are naturally muted in their opinions on this subject.

Even when Celtic and Rangers don't play each other they draw big crowds. The tragedy is that they draw spectators from the doorstep of other clubs.

Albion Rovers for example watch every Saturday as thousands of supporters trek past their ground at Coatbridge to watch the Old Firm.

Clydebank are not better off. Recently they were selling 15,000 pools tickets until Rangers and Celtic moved into the field. People will travel long distances to see the big two, passing up their local first or second division club on the way.

Albion Rovers chairman Tom Fagan says that a possible solution is for sponsored money to be spread around instead of going to the big two. The only catch to this suggestion of course is that sponsors only want to be on a sure thing and in Scotland that can only mean Celtic or Rangers.

Everton and England centre-half Brian Labone is near to breaking the club record of 465 games held by Ted Segar.

Labone would have passed the record some time ago but for serious injury last year. It was an injury that placed the 31-year-old defender's career on the doubtful line as he lost form and played only 16 games in the 1970/71 season.

This year, however, he has been one of the few bright spots in a generally disappointing Everton. When he breaks Segar's record, which was established between 1929 and 1953, it will add to the other high points of his career that includes 26 international caps, two league championships medals, one F.A. Cup-winners medal and one losers medal.

A great loss to British soccer and, in particular, the Irish and Glasgow Celtic, was the death of Charlie Tully.

Regarded as one of the greats of the game, he was the idol of Glasgow. He was a legend in his own life-time and his magic career started when he played his first senior game for Belfast Celtic at the age of 14. He joined Glasgow Celtic for \$23,000 in 1948. Later, he was player-manager of Cork Hibs.

He returned to Belfast in 1961 and by 1963 was manager of struggling Bangor a club that had not managed to capture a major honour in over 40 years. The season before last, they won their first trophy under his guidance—the County Shield and, last year, the City Cup.

Charlie promised Bangor that they would win either the Irish League Championship or the Irish Cup, or maybe even both, but the club now must try to honour his memory by doing it alone.

Hereford United is not what one would call a fashionable side to the scheme of English soccer. In fact, they are not even in the football league competition.

They are a highly successful South League Club who have been trying to enter the Fourth division, but with little success.

Last year on application they gained 22 votes from football league clubs in their attempt to enter. For this support Hereford have offered all their available facilities to football league clubs should they be passing by. Training and accommodation will be provided for any club who want to stay in the area.

Hereford will go all out for inclusion in the football league in the future and they have the statistics to back up their claim for entry. Hereford made a profit of more than \$20,000 last year. Not many professional clubs can claim a profit.

Building of first-class facilities continues to be a day-to-day fact and compare favourably with many third division clubs. Their attendances have also been better than many third and fourth division clubs.

The refusal of Ajax Amsterdam to play the South American champions in the unofficial world club championship almost caused serious repercussions between the nations involved — Uruguay and Holland.

In an effort to persuade Ajax to come to heel, representation was even made to the Dutch government, which refused to intervene in a sporting organisation's activities.

Underlying Ajax refusal were thoughts of injury, bitterness and recrimination that has marked this tournament in the past.

Said Ajax president Jaap Van Praag when the U.E.F.A. president Gustav Wiederkehr said he couldn't understand what all the fuss was about: "You must be aware of the number of players injured and insulted in these matches and how many of them have ended in a riot. I'm not prepared to risk my players being forced to undergo such humiliations and I believe the U.E.F.A. cannot honestly disagree with me".

Despite threats of fines and other disciplinary measures from Nacional of Uruguay and the U.E.F.A., it is unlikely anything will, or can, be done.

Van Praag said rumours of discipline were ignorant nonsense because there was nothing in the U.E.F.A.'s rules to compel the European champions to meet their counterparts from the South American continent. "The rules state we have the right to play Nacional, not that we have to", said Van Praag.

After diplomatic pressures, Van Praag softened and explained his reasons for refusal. He said that on medical advice, vaccinations would tire his players. This would present obstacles to the club's arduous programme in the Dutch league and European Cup.

Nacional have demanded compensation for the loss of revenue.

The incident heightens the tensions that have always existed between Europe and South America in the soccer world. The South American Confederation is already asking the U.E.F.A. to change their rules to compel their champions to compete next year. Such a demand is almost certain to have the support of F.I.F.A., which doesn't want to risk further deterioration in relations between the two continents.

There is already a motion before the South American Federation that could take it out of F.I.F.A. next month.



Dennis Mortimer of Coventry City (no. 4) puts the ball in the back of the Chelsea net to score the third and equalising goal for his side against Chelsea in the match at Stamford Bridge, London. Sprawling on the ground is Chelsea goalie John Phillips who dives in vain. The match ended in a 3-3 draw. —AAP-AP Photo.

Britain May Have 3 At Munich W.C.

Britain should have at least one and perhaps three finalists in the World Cup to be played in Munich in 1974.

England and Wales are drawn with Poland in Group 5. In Group 6, Northern Ireland are faced with a considerable challenge from Bulgaria and Portugal, but are quite capable of accounting for both, but, only if they can call on all their stars when they need them — especially George Best!

Scotland in Group 8 are with Denmark and Czechoslovakia. A leading Scots journalist said recently: "Nowadays we are the laughing stock of the world. There is only one hope, we must draw on a team of all-tartan Scots, and not take a chance on those Scots playing with English clubs who might not be released for international duty." If Scotland can recover their lost morale, they have a chance, an excellent chance. But it's a mighty big "if".

England should certainly qualify; Northern Ireland and Scotland may.

Manchester United, after some years in middle land, have again become one of the teams to watch.

The capture of Irishman Frank O'Farrell from Leicester City as manager must be given the most credit.

He has injected new life, new purpose and will to win that was missing with the upgrading of Matt Busby to the board, with all due respects to Wilf McGuinness.

A strict 4-3-3 in place of the heavy reliance on individualism is the key to success, allied with the willingness of inflexible players to suddenly respond to new tasks.

A stroke of luck came when the leggy Alan Gowling offered to fill a midfield role vacated by Paddy Crerand, when the latter was suspended. Gowling, struggling to gain a position in the forward line against well-entrenched Denis Law and Brian Kidd, snapped up the opportunity to fill a first team place in midfield. While he is still feeling his way in this new position, his contribution has been nothing less than revolutionary.

The same applies to the brilliant, but erratic, Willie Morgan, whose performances on the orthodox wing position was a haphazard affair. Morgan has now been asked to work harder in midfield, a job he relishes instead of waiting and hoping for possession.

Arsenal, who have looked anything but English double champions in the start of the new season will be glad to know that F.A. Cup hero Charlie George is now certain to be back in business quickly.

Six weeks ago, Charlie underwent a cartilage operation and his absence from the side has been obvious.

But he performed well in his first outing with the reserves against Norwich and declared afterwards that he felt fine and couldn't wait to get back into first team action.

OFF-COURSE BETTING

The net turnover of the Totalisator Agency Board for the five years period between the 1st August, 1965, and the 31st July, 1970, was \$206,931,486.

The Board made available to the State Government \$14,772,205. The moneys so paid to the Treasury assist in meeting all types of Government expenditure charged against the Consolidated Revenue Fund, including the cost of hospital and medical services and education.

The Board's profit is paid to the Racing and Trotting bodies for the benefit of the racing, trotting and breeding industries and during the above period this amounted to \$8,342,842.

It is hoped that all patrons will continue to utilise the services provided by the Boards in the same orderly manner as has been the custom in the past.



John Jackson, goalkeeper of Crystal Palace (left) dives to save from George Best (No. 11 centre) and Dennis Law (right) of Manchester United. Manchester United went on to win the game 3-1. —AAP—AP Photo.

"Old Soldiers Never Die"

"Old soldiers never die" — or so the saying goes — "They only fade away". The same might apply to old footballers.

This season in Britain, two of the really great players of the last decade start the descent that will lead to their retirement.

Nobby Stiles, long-time Manchester United stalwart and 26 times English International moved over the North-East and Middlesbrough to help them in their 1971-72 battle for the promotion to Division One that so narrowly eluded them last season.

Nobby, perpetual motion personified, whose toothless grin and guts did so much to win the 1966 World Cup for England, should be just what they need.

He will be trying to emulate yet another famous wing-half, who achieved this same feat in 1968-9 after Derby County signed him for a mere \$10,000 from the mighty Spurs.

Dave MacKay, his job with Derby now complete, moves on and down. His new home will be Swindon Town. They also had a good year in the English Division Two last season and will be challenging Middlesbrough. Any betting that the sparks will fly when these famous champions of yesteryear clash with their new teams.

Memories of both will never die. One thing is for sure. They will not be living on old memories. These two vital half-backs will be trying to write new records. More strength to their feet!

The unmistakable figure of Terry Hennessey, who cost Derby \$230,000 from Nottingham Forest and who last year was an automatic inclusion in the side could well be looking for a transfer soon.

The reason? England Under-23 star Colin Todd, who has slotted into the back four along side England's Roy McFarland as though he has played there all his life. In fact, McFarland is confident that Todd will gain a full England cap this year.

Chelsea crushed the helpless amateurs Hautcharge of Luxemburg with a 21-0 aggregate in the first round of the European Cup Winners' Cup.

This swept past the previous record score in the competition of 18-1 held by Sporting Lisbon in their aggregate win over Appel (Cyprus) in the 1963/64 season.

Better still they outclassed the record European score of 18-0 recorded by the Portuguese aces Benfica over Dudelange (Luxemburg) in the 1965/66 European Cup tie.

Naturally, it also surpasses the British record of 16-0 held by Leeds United, who hammered Spora and Lyn.

Tommy Docherty, the fiery Scot who has been the scourge of many a team that he has controlled including clubs like Chelsea, has the controversial helm of Scotland for a limited period of two matches.

The Doc, who last year worked in Spain, will lead Scotland in their next two nation cup matches against Portugal and Belgium. It's a busy time for Docherty, who also assists former Arsenal and Ireland player Terry Neil at Hull City.

"Over the years I have been one of Scotland's fiercest critics. Now I have the chance to put some of the ideas I have into practice."

Talking about Terry Neil, it is he who has taken over the Irish team and vowed to lift both Ireland and Hull City to great heights in the future. Neil stressed foundation building, specially at Bothferry Park in Hull.

Hull have some of the best facilities of any club in England. Recently more than \$300,000 was spent on facilities and a few years ago the club forked out \$600,000 on ground improvements.

While many a critic in the terraces has scornfully attacked the club because of lack of top-class playing strength, Neil has quietly insisted that with these facilities now, the future can make itself with the right approach to the playing staff.

"We will make first division and, with the ground work provided when we go up, it will be for good and not a flash and fizzle like so many," said Neil.

Roger Hunt, one of the stars of England's 1966 World Cup victory, will retire at the end of the present season.

Hunt, now with Bolton Wanderers, could well make a final re-appearance with his old club Liverpool, where he is still a great favourite with the Merseysiders.

His admirers are pressing for a testimonial match for this favourite son and a capacity crowd would almost certainly pack his old ground.

Success comes quickly to some, but the speed at which it came for Middlesbrough Jim Platt would have shocked anyone.

Two weeks ago he was told to standby for Northern Ireland service against Russia in the Nations Cup.

Three weeks before the call came, he was actually playing as a forward and scored a hat-trick, destroying the Lincoln defence completely in the process.

At the time he was third-choice goalkeeper for Middlesbrough and was sitting on the substitutes bench for the reserves when called on as a forward.

It was not surprising, therefore, when the call came from Northern Ireland, he thought someone was pulling his leg.

«Sydney

by Glyn Griffiths

sidelines»

emarked for the club's soccer teams.

Granville are working on the right lines. They must now be a strong tip for promotion to first division in 1972.

Wim Spiekerman, Western Suburbs giant forward, could be returning to Melbourne.

Spiekerman is unhappy about his position with Easts. He made no secret about his dissatisfaction during the round robin and grand final last month, when in three out of Easts four games, Wim was replaced by a substitute.

That sort of treatment is bound to unsettle any player, and as Wests leading goalscorer, Spiekerman obviously feels he is entitled to play first grade — for the full 90 minutes.

In brilliant form in the pre-season Ampol Cup, Spiekerman made a spectacular entry to Sydney soccer this year after being transferred from Melbourne Club Wilhelmina for \$4,000. Later his form slumped, and he was often fortunate to keep his first team place.

This Dutchman's great virtue is a piledriver shot in his left foot. In the championship, despite playing in almost every round, Spiekerman's goalscoring prowess brought him the relatively modest total of 10 goals.

If the big fellow desires a return to Melbourne, who could pay the transfer fee? Most Victorian clubs are virtually broke. They always prefer to sell, rather than buy, players when they negotiate deals with Sydney clubs.

Another top Sydney star who may decide he's had enough of being replaced is St. George's Irish forward Jim Herron. Although Herron is a good player, with several excellent outings to his credit this year, he invariably is the scapegoat when a match is not running Saints way.

In match after match, Herron has been pulled off in favour of a substitute. That is the surest possible way of upsetting a player, and nobody will be surprised if Herron is with a new club next season.

Manfred Schaefer, tough-guy wing-half for St. George Budapest, NSW and Australia, has no intention of retiring, despite a rumour that he would quit after the grand final.

Said Manfred: "At 28, I am certain I can go on playing for some time yet. I was very upset to read the report about my alleged retirement. There is no truth in the story. When I do decide to give the game away, I shall be the first to say so. Retirement is a personal matter for every player, and it is nobody else's business."

"I'm not quitting . . . not for a long time."

At a recent meeting, Granville adopted a new club constitution, putting the soccer club in complete control of the licensed social club.

This is the same sort of situation which prevails at Western Suburbs, Hakoah and St. George Budapest. All club profits go to the promotion of soccer in these clubs — and their success this year proves the power of social club money.

Meanwhile other Sydney teams like South Coast United, Apia Leichhardt, Marconi Fairfield and Sutherland Shire — despite having support from social clubs — rely on occasional handouts from the clubs. The profits, often quite enormous, are NOT specifically

Sutherland Shire, new members of Sydney's first division, want to try and survive without making expensive signings. Coach Mike Johnson explains: "I have a lot of talented local kids, and I honestly believe they will be good enough to justify my faith in them — even in first division."

However, I can reveal that Sutherland have been in touch with more than one club asking if any experienced players are available.

Marconi Fairfield could shock Sydney soccer by re-engaging former coach Les Scheinflug.

It is no secret that many Marconi fans were upset when NSW State coach Scheinflug was dismissed this season — a surprise move which probably cost the Fairfield team a place in the top four round-robin. One official stated recently: "I would like to see Scheinflug being brought back."

Marconi's directors and committeemen, it appears, are either pro or anti Les Scheinflug. If the pro-Scheinflug faction gets on top, I am sure Les would be willing to take over again as coach.

Whatever happened to Jim Fraser: That's the question Sydney soccer fans have been asking for several weeks.

Only a couple of years ago, Fraser was Australia's second choice goalkeeper for World Cup matches in Rhodesia and Israel. He was transferred from Polonia North Side to St George for \$4,000 — and his future could not have been rosier.

This year, Fraser fell out of favour with Saints and Jack Reilly was signed, for a big fee, to replace him.

Towards the end of the season, Fraser was loaned to Canterbury to help in the battle against relegation. Dropped in one game, he complained: "I came here to play in the first team, not in second grade."

Canterbury haven't seen Fraser since. And St. George may have a long wait to collect what remains of the loan transfer fee they were promised for Jim Fraser.

Australia's skipper Johnny Warren, improving every week, is determined to make a comeback early next year. Warren has been out of action for four months after a serious knee operation, but he said recently: "Recovery is a long job, but I'm certain I'll soon be in full training."

Greg Byles and George Kinnell, two of Western Suburbs grand final heroes, have had to turn down Wests October trip to New Caledonia and New Zealand.

Byles, a third year law student at Sydney University, is due to take vital examinations soon. And Kinnell, who recently started a new job, finds it impossible to get the necessary fortnight off.

Hakoah's flying winger Willie Rutherford — surely the fastest footballer in Australia — returns home to Scotland soon.

A professional sprinter, Willie wants to tackle the best professional runners in the U.K. — and he's confident he can beat the lot.



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Iran Prepares For World Cup

Iran, a possible opponent for Australia in the forthcoming World Cup preliminary rounds of the Asian zone, is going flat out to be the nation that qualifies from Asia for the last 16 in West Germany in 1974.

The Shah of Iran has decreed full steam ahead and his ministry of Social Education has been told that the project is the department's number one priority during the next four years.

Iran will have to overcome traditional rivals Iraq, then the winner of the New Zealand-Australia clash and finally the leader of Asian group one, either Israel, Korea or Japan.

Efforts were made by Colonel Gooli, on behalf of General Mokri, the president of the Iran Football Association, to entice Sabino Barinaga, an expert in coaching backward countries, to take the top job in Iran.

Soccer is bursting at the seams in Iran. There are more than 400 teams in and around Teheran.

Business houses, companies, oil and others, and newspapers are placing full resources behind the effort to bring Iranian football out of the wilderness.

At the moment, however, facilities lag far behind numbers and enthusiasm. But super stadiums are being built to supplement the one 35,000-arena where all league matches are normally played. Another two will be built by next February, one for 100,000 and second to accommodate 30,000.

The South American Championship between nations which was last held in 1963, could well be revived next year, probably in January.

The America Cup faded from the scene because of the popularity of the continent's club champions tournament, The Libertadores Cup.

But programmes are being arranged now that will overcome the objection of clubs to their players being siphoned off for national duty in such a tournament as the America Cup.

The revived competition probably will take place in Quito, Ecuador.

The first America Cup was held in 1916 and in all that time Brazil, the World's super soccer power has managed to gain possession of the title only on three occasions.

Of the 21 tournaments, plus seven extra tournaments, Argentina has won the cup 12 times, followed by Uruguay (nine), Brazil (three), Peru (two) and Paraguay and Bolivia once each.

Switzerland, true to their neutrality invite anyone to play with their clubs.

And this year moves are as much in the news as ever. F.C. Zurich, who played in Australia last year, have transferred international Quentin and the German, Volkert, but acquired three new forwards in Jeandupeux, Rutschmann and German, Timo Konietzka, as player-coach.

Champions Grasshoppers parted with their famous Swedish World Cup player Ove Grahn because of excessive financial demands. Replacements came in the form of newly-discovered striker Kudi Muller from Lucerne and speedy winger Christian Winger, ex Young Boys. Muller is hailed as a star in the making who could be as famous as his namesake, Gerd Muller of Germany. Durr, Weibel and Dutch star Kerkhoffs left Lausanne, while Ove Grahn joined Lausanne.

Cup winners Servette lost former international Pottier and Schindelholz, but big things are expected of Italian-born striker Edouard Mansoni.

Other notable foreign moves of which 16 stand out are German Sunderman (F.C. Basle), German Ohlhauser (Grasshoppers), Swede Grahn (Lausanne), Czechoslovakian Lala (Lausanne), German Milder (Lucerne), Yugoslav Perusic (St. Gallen), Austrian Rafreider (St. Gallen), German Doerfel (Servette), Yugoslav Durkovic (Sion), German Herrman (Sion), Dutch Theunissen (Young Boys), German Brenninger (Young Boys), German Konietzka (Zurich). Second division: Dane Soerensen (Bellinzona), Dane Andersen (Fribourg), German Brunnenmeier (Neuchatel - Xamax). Coaches-managers include Georges Sobotka a Czech (La Chaux-de-Fonds), Frantisek Bufka a Czech (Granchen), Robert Meyer a Swiss (Lucerne) and Timo Konietzka.

The referee purge against infringement in Britain has spread to Spain.

The Spanish Football Association and the Football League have issued a get tough policy and they have done it in the proper way.

Much of the bitterness resulting from the English clamp down came because of the suddenness of the affair.

Two days before the Spanish season opened, the Football Federation of Spain issued a public statement to all newcomers, all regional federations and clubs.

It was a statement of concern at the deterioration of discipline, the frequent scenes and spectacles that are bringing disrepute and notoriety to the game — the continued protests by players, managers and clubs against decisions of referees.

Referees were instructed, as were all organisations of stern measures that were henceforth to apply.

Players are totally forbidden to address the referee (only the captain has such authority). Sanction — booking and fine.

Individual or collective protests against referees' decisions are strictly forbidden. Sanction — suspension up to four matches.

It was also pointed out that managers and clubs are responsible for any of their players who dispute authority or come into conflict with a referees' decision and are liable to sanctions — the manager with a suspension from two to six months; the club a fine of \$6 for every 1,000 spectators present.

The groupings for the Little World Cup to be held in Brazil next year have been announced.

Group One: Argentina, France, Mexico, Columbia and a country from Asia (games to be played at Salvador, Aracaju, and Maceio).

Group Two: Portugal, U.S.S.R., Chile, Ecuador and an African country (to be played at Recife, Mata and Fortaleza).

Group Three: Yugoslavia, Peru, Paraguay, Venezuela and Bolivia (to be played at Manaus and Campo Grande).

Group winners will enter the semi-final series together with countries which have held the Jules Rimet World Cup — Uruguay, Brazil, West Germany, Italy and England and the games are set for June 22-29.

Soccer in the United States, while booming in the youth areas, is struggling for its survival in the top grade.

The Washington Darts is one of the most successful teams as far as results go, but on the financial ledger they are dropping like a stone.

How far can they go before they smash up? With 150,000 shares being offered in the club, with no person allowed to buy more than 200 at \$4.50 each, there have been few takers. Why? Because of figures like this!

For the year ended September 1968, when a member of the American Soccer League, they had a net operating loss of \$63,249. The following year again the A.S.L., the loss was \$99,278, while last year in their first year in the big league, the North American Soccer League, they lost \$163,280.

In the time between September and the end of last year, the Darts lost \$21,662.

In 1968, the ticket sales totalled only \$3,912, but by the September of 1970, the year had yielded \$68,711. In 1968, the average attendance was 420, while last year, they had moved up to 1,650. Not an inspiring record, and one that could see one of the country's top clubs fold and die like so many have before them.

The grand old man of Belgian soccer, Josef Jurion, is still making headlines in his country.

Now 35 years old, the one-time captain of Anderlecht and Belgium has taken up the position as player-coach with little-known Lokeren after leaving La Gantoise in the close season.

In the qualifying rounds of the Belgian Cup, he led Lokeren to an 8-0 win over Lovendegem and a 3-0 victory over Lauwe.

He became footballer of the year in 1957 and 1962 and scored the goal that knocked Real Madrid out of the European Cup in 1962-63. He made 64 appearances for the national team.



The Offside Experiment

In 1925, the offside rule was changed so that a player only needed two, instead of three, opponents between him and the goal to be onside. Introduced in haste, the change was repented at leisure down through the years.

In the pre-season Watney Cup, recently played in England, the first serious experiment in a change of this rule took place. The offside area was reduced from the opposing half of the field merely to the opponents penalty area.

The new interpretation certainly increased goalmouth incidents, but the general re-action was best summed up by the new manager of Manchester United, Frank O'Farrell who said: "To get a player to re-act intelligently to this change in the rules would mean casting aside all the habits they have ever known, and you could not do this without talking about it constantly and practising it every moment."

Alan Hardaker, secretary of the Football League said: "I've seen enough to see there's something in it. If the players haven't got the brains to use it, that's another matter".

Chris Garland, the Bristol City Striker, signs for Chelsea, at Stamford Bridge for a fee of \$214,000. Watching is Dave Sexton, Chelsea manager. Garland toured Australia this year with the England F.A. team —AAP—AP Photo.

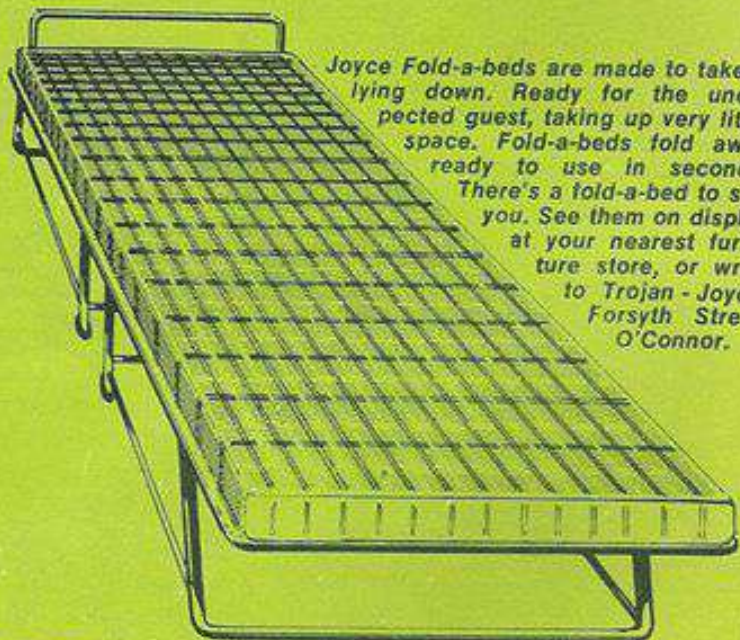


Garland duels with Coventry City's Bob Barker

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